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Pair Charged With Fatal Home-Invasion Robbery

The 17-year-old son of a Pico Rivera homeowner killed during a suspected home-invasion robbery and a second person were charged with capital murder today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jesus Rafael Adame (dob 4/13/96) and Sergio Anthony Gutierrez (dob 6/7/97), the homeowner's son, have each been charged with one count of murder, two counts of home-invasion robbery and one count of first-degree burglary in case VA136976.

Deputy District Attorney Paul Minnetian said Adame and Gutierrez are scheduled to be arraigned today at the Los Angeles County Superior Court in Downey in Department 6.

The felony complaint includes a special circumstance allegation that the killing was committed in the commission of a robbery. Though 17-year-old Gutierrez was charged as an adult, he is not eligible for the death penalty.

Prosecutors said in the early morning of Sept. 20 the victim, Sergio Gutierrez, was reportedly attacked in his home by defendants Adame and Gutierrez. After the killing, the defendants allegedly stole cash, credit cards and the family vehicle from the home, prosecutors added.

A tip led authorities to the defendants the next day.

The District Attorney's office will decide at a later time whether to seek the death penalty against defendant Adame or life in prison without the possibility of parole. Because of his age, Gutierrez faces a maximum possible sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The defendants are being held without bail.

The case is being investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](#) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.